

City of Shannon Hills, Arkansas  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Nov 14, 2006

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Mayor Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Present were Mayor Davis, Aldermen Robin Baker, James Smith, Dave Holsomback, Diane Everett and Recorder-Treasurer Curt Wilson. Absent were Aldermen Mike Kemp, Rick Tribble and City Attorney Patrick Benca.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Alderman Baker to accept the October 2006 minutes as presented. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved with one opposing vote from Alderman Holsomback. He had not had an opportunity to read the minutes.

**Financial Report:** Recorder-Treasurer Wilson presented the financial report for October 2006. Financial summary was:

General Fund:

Checking account.....	\$39,360.79
Undeposited Cash .....	\$ 1,350.23
Reserve Fund .....	\$30,930.77
Total General Fund ...	<u>\$71,641.79</u>

Payroll Fund ..... \$ 254.79

Reader Board Fund ..... \$ 602.41

Street Fund:

Checking Account .....	\$67,944.45
Undeposited Cash .....	\$ 476.98
Reserve Fund .....	\$35,316.24
Total Street fund .....	<u>103,737.67</u>

Bond & Fine Account ..... \$ 26,154.99

Court Clerk Account ..... \$ 7,700.20

A motion was made by Alderman Baker to accept the financial report as presented. Alderman Everett seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no opposition.

**Department Head Reports:**

The Department heads submitted written reports. Those reports are on file in the office of the Recorder-Treasurer and are available to any interested parties. Mayor Davis explained that there was no Court report because court has been postponed until next week due to the election on the normal Court day.

Mayor Davis extended congratulations to Ms Toni Cobb on her election to the City Council in Ward 2, Position 1 and to Alderman Dave Holsomback for retaining his position on the Council in Ward 3 Position 1.

Mayor Davis also congratulated Alderman Everett on becoming a new grandmother.

Mayor Davis announced that Alderman Mike Kemp was unsuccessful in his reelection attempt on the County Quorum Court. Since he did not retain that position he would be continuing in his uncontested position on the City Council. Alderman Holsomback stated that he was checking to see if that position should have been declared vacant and if a new appointment or special election should be required to fill that position. Mayor Davis assured him that state law clearly stated that an elected official held his elected position until his successor was duly elected and qualified and that the Attorney General and/or Legal office at the Arkansas Municipal League would confirm that. Alderman Holsomback stated that he would review it anyway.

There followed a somewhat open discussion including several citizens addressing the issue of whether Alderman Kemp should have been required to resign his Council position when he qualified to be on the ballot for reelection to the Quorum Court. Individuals commenting included citizens Mr. Petty, Ms Vossberg, Ms Skipper, Ms Linkous, and possibly others not identified. No actions were taken or motions made as a result of the discussion.

**Item 1: Citizens concern about a fence constructed by the developer of Southfork and Carrington Place.**

Mayor Davis stated that even though Ms Davis would be allowed to speak about the issue, that unless a violation of State or local laws had occurred the Council and the City would not be able to intervene. Since the issue is between land owners and the developer it would have to be resolved between the parties or in a civil court action.

Ms Davis, a resident of Southfork addressed the council concerning the fence. Concerns about its height, ownership, right to (and cost of) tying other fences to it, maintenance costs and similar issues were raised. The Developer, Mr. Lofton was present and indicated that he would be glad to try to resolve any concerns the land owners had and he would talk with them over the next few days and try to clear up any problems. Mr. Lofton explained that the old fence was in poor repair and that additional utility work made it even worse. He stated that since a new fence was needed they took it upon themselves to build a new fence taller than the old one because of the increased traffic along County Line Road. Mr. Lofton stated that it was a common practice to build a taller fence along high traffic roadways as a noise and light buffer for the landowners. He stated that if the fence was objectionable to those living there he would try to work out a solution.

**Item2: Set Police report rate at Five Dollars, (\$5.00).**

Mayor Davis recommended that the incident report fee be set at Five Dollars. Currently the fee is Twenty-five cents (.25) per page. The proposal is to set the fee at The Five-Dollar fee as a standard price.

Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Baker to approve setting the Police report rate at Five Dollars, (\$5.00). Alderman Everett provided a second. The motion was approved in a roll call vote with Aldermen Smith, Holsomback, Everett and Baker voting "Yes". Aldermen Kemp and Tribble were absent.

**Item 3: Chief of Police recommends purchase of two new police cars to replace three of the older vehicles in the fleet.**

Chief Friend first reported that a stop was attempted earlier today that resulted in a brief pursuit. Even though the pursuit was called off after only a minute or two, one suspect got out of the car and fled on foot. He was captured a short time later and some drugs, cash and weapons were recovered. The suspect was one of Little Rocks top ten most wanted.

Chief Friend handed out material about some options to purchase 2 new police cars. The offer is for Dodge police cars with the "Basic package." The cars come with a 36,000 mile warranty. The plan is to buy two and get rid of three cars. The reduction would reduce insurance costs. Chief Friend said one "extra" he would request is Full sized spare tire/wheel. The idea of running a police car with a donut spare is not desirable. Also push bumpers on front to prevent bumper damage would be desirable.

Cost for the cars, fully equipped, would be \$2,049.00, per month, for three years or \$1,447.00, per month, for five years. Shannon Hills striping would be accomplished for about \$200.00 per car.

Motion to table the issue until next meeting was made by Alderman Baker. A second was provided by Alderman Everett. The motion was approved via voice vote. There was no opposition.

**Item 4: Resolution of appreciation for Keith & Diane Everett and the Lucky "D" ranch.**

Mayor Davis read the resolution, in its entirety. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Alderman Baker with a second from Alderman Holsomback. In a roll call vote, Aldermen Smith, Holsomback, Everett and Baker voted "Yes". Aldermen Kemp and Tribble were absent. The motion passes and the Resolution is approved.

**Item 5. Request to move funds from the allocation of funds for the Quorum Court to the Spookfest event.**

Mayor Davis requested that the Council approve a transfer of funds from the Quorum Court meeting to the funds approved for Spookfest. Actual expenses for Spookfest went over the approved amount by \$48.37. Funds were left unspent from the Quorum Court meeting allocation. Since both events are covered by funding from the Budget line item titled "Special Functions" the transfer is basically a formality.

Motion to approve the request was made by Alderman Baker. Alderman Everett provided a second. The motion was approved by voice vote. There was no opposition.

**Comments:**

Citizen Linda Linkous spoke about the recent Audit results that reflected several areas where the Treasurer, Court Clerk and Police Department were found to be out of compliance. She stated that she went back to 2001 and saw that several areas that were problems back then

were still problems. In the dialog that followed several citizens asked questions about the audit exceptions and made comments. There was concern expressed by several citizens that records were not being maintained as they should be. Also citizens questioned the funding of the Quorum Court meeting. Each audit issue will be addressed in future publications.

**A Motion to Adjourn** was made by Alderman Baker. A second was supplied by Alderman Everett. Motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Larance Davis, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Curt Wilson, Recorder-Treasurer